Dick afterward that so shameful a pro-

of the latter's house, but he kept him-

out, and turned down the street in the

think there's much fear of his coming

He waited until his unconscious

quarry had disappeared round the southern corner, and then hastened to

the house. He rang the bell and a serv

"Is Captain Estcourt in?"

"No. sir; he's just gone out."

The colonel looked troubled.

"Do you suppose he'll be long?"

"I shouldn't think so, sir; but he didn't

"Will you leave your name, sir?" in-

had better go to Captain Estcourt's room and write a note for him. My busi-

ness is rather important, and I can't very well call again."

showed him upstairs; placed paper and ink before him, and waited by the door.

The colonel wrote an exact copy of the letter he had shown to Camilla, only

adding as the place of rendezvous "No. 9 Great Russell street," and "11 o'clock

on Saturday morning, March 24th," as

wax and a taper, fastened up the let-

ter with elaborate care, and handed it to the attendant maid. She placed it

on the mantelpiece and went toward the door to show him down the stairs out

of the house. He followed her down a

few steps, and then stopped, with an exclamation. "I have left my gloves behind." and he ran back before she

could offer to go for him. He returned

in an instant, but in that instant he had

broken the newly made seal, opened the letter, folded it simply without fastening, and tossed it carelessly down

'lie sure," he said, as he passed out,

"No, sir, not long, I expect." And ne closed the door behind him.

He hurried to his own house, to find

amilla waiting for him and the car-

We are late," she said; "it is just

"I am sorry," he replied; "I have been

round to Estcourt's rooms; he might

as well have driven down with us; but

was not in, and I could not wait any

She made no further remark, and they

started at once. On arriving at the

house they found Dick upon the door-

decisive moment more and more, took

comfort at the sight of his open smile

and frank eyes, and unconsciously put

more warmth than usual into her wel-come. The colonel, too, greeted him

with effusive cordiality, and seemed to

"We are so very glad," he said, as

but she seemed uncertain about it."
"How could you doubt it?" said Dick,

turning to Camilla, with tender re

give up anything to go with you any-

The colonel laughed softly to himself

and examined a picture with great at-

tention. The other two passed into the dinlag room. He did not follow them, but stayed behind to receive MM. Car-

nue and Rabodanges, whom he was

Dick was in his happlest mood, and

f he did not care much about the pic-ures, at any rate he thoroughly en-cycl the privilege of looking at them.

He noted, with a lover's beenness, that

lationship between them. What it meant he could not even guess, but cer-

tainly she was now quite a different be-ing from the imperious beauty, whose

wit had stricken him dumb on the night

f the hall so long ago. She had a wist-

ful look in her eyes, as though she

would have asked something of him if she dared, and her air was almost that

of one who clings to some one stronger for protection or support.

He was raised out of his natural diffi-

ence by this delicate, unspoken flat-

tery, and set high on a pinnacle of ex-

alted hope, from which he now and again shot swift giances far into a

And all the time, in the room beneath,

the colonel was relentlessly planning

had quite taken away the poor old gen-

gleaming future.

his downfall.

arrived at."

They bowed.

ing at St. Helena."

seemed to imply a new kind of re

nently expecting.

entered the house together, "that

And he added, lowering his

"Surely you know that I would

take his presence as a personal favor.

Camilla, who was dreading the

"that Captain Estcourt rends my note

again upon the mantel-piece.

riage at the door.

upon 11 now."

Then he asked for sealing-

The girl opened the door wider and

colonel to himself; "and

"I thought he'd be early," murmured

wish of hers.

opposite direction.

ant appeared.

RAND, MSNALLY & CO. CHAPTER VII.

INTERNATIONAL PRESS ASSOCIATION.



trapped the man rather than persuaded she asked "I certainly did not intrust him with easily explained at any time before we reach St. Helena."

"And you bena."

"And you have no fear that he will when he finds out the real nature of the service required from

'He's not that kind of man. Besides. whatever he may be, let me once get him on board, and I'll answer for his going through with the affair. quired the maid.
"I think," replied the visitor, "that I

Camilla looked as if this remark was less unexpected than unwelcome. "With-with any one else," she said, "whom you might wish to engage in a higher capacity, you would of course

The colonel saw the point of this question at once, and felt himself in a difficulty. He had as yet come to no definite idea of how Dick was to be gained; he glanced at his sister-in-law and saw an indignant resolve foreshadowed on her face. If he hesitated he was lost; she would resume right of interference, and warn Est-

All this finshed through his mind in

"Let us be quite candid with one another," he said. "If you will promise to leave me a free hand, I will undertake to write a plain, straightforward letter to Captain Estcourt, simply setting out our design, and asking him to join us. "Very well," she said, coldly. "You promise, then" he asked.

"Of course," she said: "but in any case he needs no warning against an open attempt.

The colonel was inclined to think so too, but he said nothing, and retired to consider the matter more attentively in the diplomatic atmosphere of his own

directly he comes home. I think you said that would not be long?" During the next few days nothing ore was heard of the subject. Dick clied several times, and the colonel shed with satisfaction his growing inwith Camilla.

The end of the week—the last before

the start-was now drawing near. The time had come for the colonel to spread his net, and he was ready in his place. walting only for the favorable moment. It was not long delayed. On the Friday afternoon Camilla asked

whether he expected to be much oc-cupied on the following day. "No," he replied; "I have no engage-

"I am told," she said, "that there are

some fine Claudes and Wattraus at No. 9 Great Russell Street. The house is to be let furnished, and they allow one He bowed, to hide the cat-like eager-

ness of his eyes.

"I thought," she continued, "that it would be an agreeable way of passing the morning; and if you can come too we might invite Captain Estcourt to ac company us. He said something about calling, and there's nothing to Then will you invite him? she asked, after a pause "With pleasure," said the colonel, in

his most formal and indifferent tone; and the subject dropped. After dinner the same evening by an-

peared in the drawing room with a sheet of paper in his hand. "This," he said, holding it out to Ca-

mills. "Is a rough draft of the letter I propose writing to Estewart, in secondance with our agreement of a few days

She took it and read as follows: "My Dear Captain Entenurt; My six ter-in-law and I have more than one ed to you how deeply we are devo ed to the service of the Empoyor No poleon, and how crusly we have felt its sails. A favorable opportunity has now presented itself for attempting his discretion, and we are to start almost immediately for our base of an of your views on his majesty's im-prisonment, and from the cordial and intimate friendship with which you have honored us. I am induced to hope that you will give us your loyal assist-ance in this expedition. If we may rely on you for this important service, wil you be good enough to meet us at the time and place mentioned below, when I shall have the pleasure of introducing to you M. Carnac and M. le Comte de Rabodanges, two of our most trusted however, you should unhappily feel unable to join us may I ask you to destroy this letter at once, and not refer to it again? We shall understand your silence as a re

She weighed every phase and every word with paraful care, then tossed the paper back to him without comment. That meets with your approval

then?" he naked. 'On the contrary," she replied, "the whole thing is a folly, and meets with my disapproval, but if a letter must go, by all means let that be the form of it." You think it well esleulated to nehleve its object?" asked the colonel.

with a pretense of anxlety.

She laughed sarcastically. He put 34 a look of dismay and disappoint-

"If you think it will fall," he said,

it by writing at all." Camilla smiled, but made no answer beyond a strug of indifference. "I might put it to him in words of

tleman's breath. But the count was enthusiastic, and warmly congratulated the colonel, plying him with strings of eager questions. M. de Montaut the same plain fashion," he suggested, "I have made an appointment with him for 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, Great Russell street; at least, I left stopped him with a smile. verbal measage asking him to meet us, and I've no doubt that he'll be there." "Not so fast, my friend," he said: "the gentleman is in the house at this moment, and I shall have the pleasure She looked up as though she did not Of one thing, however "I could ask Carnac and Rabodanges to come too," he explained, "and then take the opportunity to bring the

of presenting him to you immediately hing, however," he continued, marn you beforehand. He has

it will therefore be as well to make no reference to the matter at present, beyond, of course, giving a cordial greet-ing to so invaluable an accomplice."

M. Carnac started; the word "accor plice" appeared to disagree with him unpleasantly. But both he and the unt acquiesced, and M. de Montaut led them upstairs. Their voices, they approached, startled Dick and Ca-milla in their seclusion, and the faces of both clouded at once

"This is too bad?" he exclaimed, impatiently. She looked troubled, and said in an

anxious and deprecating tone: "It is only some friends whom we asked to meet us here. he replied, "that's all right:

your friends are mine." And the three gentlemen entered. The formal introduction took place and Camilla, seeing the dreaded ordeal close at hand, felt as though she must fice, or fall where she stood.

Her evident nervousness touched second place, that she might be able, if present at the interview, to show Dick, who naturally enough thought himself the cause of it. "She's afraid I resent their interruption," he said to posal had not been made to him by any himself; "I'll soon put that straight, So he replied to the compliments of At 10 the next morning the colonel slipped from the house unobserved, and the two strangers with a cordiality even more marked than their own. "I look forward," he said, "to our becoming by 10:30 he was posted at the northern end of the street in which Dick was lodging; his eyes were fixed on the door the best of friends. I hope you will always command me for any service in self completely out of sight.

He had not been watching three min-utes when the door opened, Dick came

Camilla's heart falled her; the words seemed like an evil omen.

from the colonel. "What are you laughing at?" Dick

asked. "Nothing," he replied; "but I am vastly pleased with this Claude. The Embarkation of St. Helena,' I believe it is called. Camilla turned deadly white,

"I am unwell; my head aches," she said. "Let us go home."

She took Dick's arm and he led her

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

KITCHEN CLEANSERS. How to Keep Pots, Pans and So Forth

Neat and Bright. If any substance has remained attached to a utensil (and this, by the way, is generally the result of bad management or careless cooking), do not at-tempt to scour it off, but pour some water into the vessel, and place it over the fire, when it will soon be possible to remove all the adhesive matter without scratching or injuring the pan. The cleanliness of all the kitchen furniture is of the greatest importance; more than in any other part of the house freedom from dust, etc., becomes an absolute necessity for the welfare of the family, and the wholesomeness of the food; the larder, cupboards, and receptacles generally should be regularly ad frequently attended to, with methed and conscientiousness. Copper utensils are by many deemed a source of much extra work, but that can only be the case in kitchens where the different vessels are not thoroughly cleaned after each time of using; procrastination is an old-time enemy, and will not spare the cook or scullery-maid any more than anyone else. If copper and other shining metals were properly dealt with very time they are washed up, the labor would not be worth mentioning. A mixure of bran, salt and vinegar is excellent for brightening copper. It is especially the bottoms of cooking utensils that are often allowed to become quite black; on the strange principle. perhaps, that as they have to be placed on the fire repeatedly, it is not necessary to clean them every time. Nothing hinders the proceedings more than the burnt substance in question; it is a nonduction of heat, and should be carefully removed. The aluminum articles, which are gaining ground in a good many places, are delightful in many ways; though their price is at present still somewhat prohibitive for many, they are very bright durable and d an improvement to the appearance of the shelves or pot-board; hot water and soap are the best cleansers for that

A Wonderful Organ. The electric organ has been developed nto a marvelous instrument. Its distinguishing feature is that by using the you have been able to join us. I thought you would myself, and, in-deed, I said so to Madame de Montaut, console," a keyboard on a movable stand, the organ can be played from any point, or several organs can be played at the same moment, and by the same touch of the keys. So that, if the ervice of half a dozen or more churches ould be so timed as to exactly corresond in the length of the respective parts of their ritual, one organist would uffice for them all. He would sit at the keyboard and perform his offertory, anthem, or hymn, as the case might be, and the pressure on the keys would make the electric contact, which would open the pneumatic valves in the pines of all the instruments connected up by wires. The largest organ is controlled electrically with a simplicity, case and and absolute command of all its recurses that is simply astounding. The organist touches a button, and the elec-tric motors start the blowers, which are perated automatically, and which wil. ntinue to supply all the wind needed until they are stopped. At one time, organ playing was apt to be an exhausting gymnastic exercise, now the player actuates any or all of the stops by "stop keys," little ivory levers just keyboard, which are moved by a light touch of the finger. without raising the hand from the keys. Heretofore, the organ had had its limitations of touch effects; the latest electric organ has what is termed a "double touch," an action of the keys which is so quick and elastic that planoforte music can be played by it effectively and so delicate that it is capable of the finest "expression. wires connecting the keyboard with the organ are run in a cable, and 2,000 are held in a conductor of 11/2 inches diam-

For no sooner had Dick and Camilla passed upstairs into the drawing room, which contained the more valuable paintings, than M. Carnac and the Could Not Make Thibet. Mr. Wilson relates an amusing story count arrived almost together.

The colonel took them into the dining room and closed the door. of an officer who determined to enter Chinese Thibet by stratagem. officer managed to cross the frontier at "You will remember," he said, "our night and so escaped the frontier guard. last meeting, and the resolutions then Next day, however, while he was journeying deeper into Thibet, the Thibetan soldiers overtook him and informed him "I am happy," he continued, "to be able to report that my efforts have been that, as the country was unsafe because of robbers, they would go with him in order to protect him, to which arrangecrowned with complete success. I have engaged a during and competent seament the traveler was compelled to man to work my submarine boat, and I have secured an officer to command our vessel who is personally known to and esteemed by the admiral commandagree. In a few hours they came to a river, which was crossed by a rope bridge. The Thibetans passed over first, in order to show that the bridge was safe, and then the officer got into the basket and was pulled along by the M. Carnac looked flustered; this news Thibetans. Suddenly, ceased pulling and left the Englishman hanging in midair above the rushing

In vain the traveler shouted to the In vain the traveler shouled to the Thibetans to pull; they merely smoked and nodded their heads. The hours parsed and still the officer hung above the torrent. At last the Thibetans agreed to pull him back if he would promise to leave Thibet immediately. This, of course, he was compelled to do and took his departure from the forhidden land—Gentleman's Magazine. no more than a tacit bidden land.—Gentleman's Magazine.

THE LATE DOORKEEPER OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

Had Been in the Service of the Governa Page by Daniel Webster in that coat,



his military title during the war, when he was chosen commanding officer of a company of home guards organized at the capitol. His first-lieutenant was Arthur Pue Gorman, at present the senior senator from Maryland, and who has been connected with the senate ever since he started as a page, like Capt. Bassett.

It was in 1831 that Capt, Bassett first attracted the attention of Daniel Webster, who took a great fancy to the lad. At that time the elder Bassett was one little Isaac used to come to the build- ing regular and clearly defined. ing with his father.

There was only one page in the United States senate those days-S. P. inches high, fourteen inches from the Hanseom, who afterwards became one tip of the nose to the back of the head

assent to my invitation to join us. and | CAPT. ISAAC BASSETT. | No matter how hot the day might the senate chamber unless he was dressed with scrupulous neatness and care in a suit of black broadcloth. Even his necktie was of the same somber hue, with just a glimpse of white shirt and collar visible above the ment Continually Since 1830-Made closely buttoned double-breasted frock

Despite the fact that he had been associated with senators the greater part of his life Capt. Bassett has never been accused of presumption, but was always deferential and unassuming in his demeanor. Ever since he has been about the senate he has born in mind that speech is silver, but silence is golden, and was apparently deaf, dumb and blind to all that took place about him.

Although often importuned to write a volume embodying his recollections, it was the invariable reply of the good old man that such a project must await his convenience, when he could spare time away from the capitol.

A Curious Fossil.

One of the most curious carboniferous fossils ever found in this part of the anthracite coal field was discovered in the Dedge mine of Scranton, Pa., the other day by John B. Davis, a miner living on Bellevue street. was the head and neck A sound like a chuckle was heard of the doorkeepers of the senate and a woman's figure, the features befossil weighs sixty-five pounds and ts composed of fire clay. It is twenty-four of the editors of the National Republic- and the neck is nine inches in diameter.

MADAGASCAR'S RESOURCES. Sugar-Cane, Cotton, Vanilla Plant, Coffee and the Chocolate Tree. Now that France has Madagascar

curely in her grasp, her wise men are beginning to direct attention toward the best methods of turning to account that island's vast but undeveloped agricultural possibilities and to assert that in time it should become a veritable mine of wealth for the nation, says the New York World. It is stated that sugar-cane can be cultivated as successfully in Madagascar as in Cuba. Cotton grows wild almost everywhere and in a few instances where its cultivation has been attempted the product has been of extraordinary fine quality. The vanilla plant also flourishes in Madagascar. Few people are aware that the source of this commonest of flavoring extracts is a parasite plant like the orchid. Though it grows wild, the best results are obtained from its cultivation. It is propagated by cuttings and it takes eighteen months for the first flowers to appear. The flowers, as well as the tiny seeds, are the basis for the extract of commerce. Eight hundred flowers will furnish a little over a pound of prepared vanilla and each well-grown plant is said to bear 2,000 flowers. The unnual product of vanilla from all parts of the globe is estimated at about 250,000 pounds, nearly half of which comes from the island of Reunion, in the Indian ocean, another of France's colonial possessions. The present value of a pound of this product in France is about 5 france, or \$1. Coffee also grows readily in Madagascar and tobacco and rice have been cultivated there on a small scale with great success. The climate and soil are likewise admirably suited to the growth of the cocon or chocolate tree. This reaches the height of about twenty feet and lives for some forty years. It does not begin to bear its seeds in abundance, however, and be profitable until after the seventh year. Then the owner of a chocolate plantation may take his ease and live with little toil and grow rich for the

A BEAUTIFUL DEED.

How Gov. Northern of Georgia Helpe an Embarrassed Woman.

A beautiful deed once performed by Governor W. J. Northern of Georgia has found its way into print. The Atlanta Constitution relates it:

A patient-looking woman in a faded poke bonnet and a homespun dress was driving along Whitechapel street in a dilapidated buggy drawn by a lean and jaded mule. The harness was a patchwork of ropes and leather.

Then came a catastrophe. Suddenly the mule stopped, and one of the shafts dropped-a piece of harness was broken. The woman gazed at the wreck, with calamity written in her face. For full a minute she surveyed it without moving, and then looked around for some friendly face, The sidewalk was crowded with people, and the street was full, but all were hurrying on, and no one paid the slightest attention to the woman. Slowly she began to descend from her seats.

Just at this moment a passing carriage halted and a gentleman alighted. He spoke to the woman in a kindly tone and offered to assist her. She grateimbedded in a solid piece of fire clay, fully accepted the offer, and stood by al-and it dropped out entire when the most trembling while he worked at the broken harness. It was a hard job, but the gentleman was determined and even got down on his knees that he Potassiumorthodinitrocresolate is the might get at the work better. Finally the repairs were completed and the gendrove out.

A man who was passing noticed the almost tearful gratitude of the poor woman, and stepping up to her he said: "Do you know who that was that fixed your harness?" The woman shook her "That was the governor of the head. state!"

Dumas Was Kind-Hearted.

Personally M. Dumas was one of the most polished and fascinating of men as he was also one of the most kindhearted. He was a great discoverer of dramatic stars and always testified the warmest and most disinterested friendship for his proteges. The Parlsian stage owed to his keen appreciation of talent the lamented Desclee, the gifted and ill-fated Tallandiera and the unhappy Feyghine, whose tragic fate Paris has scarcely yet forgotten. The brillimit comedienne, Mme. Celine Chaumont, was discovered by him in a little suburban theater, and owed to him her first engagement at the Gymnase.

Jimson-"Hello, old boy, I hear you spent several hundred deliars learning a new, sure, quick and easy way of getting rich.

Jamson-"Yes, I did." "Making any money?" "Lots." "How?"

"Teaching other people the new, sure, quick and easy way of getting rich."-New York Weekly.

A VARIETY OF HINTS.

Hand-painted china knife handler are unique gifts. Dates stuffed with almonds are loved by the matinee girl.

The zither is more fashionable than either the mandolin or banjo. A popular restaurateur says men call

for more sweets than women. White satin and sable is a combination much worn by bridesmaids. One white rose in the center of a cluster of violets makes a very smart

boutonniere. The dark haired girl now has her innings. Blondes are not as much in vogue as formerly.

The graceful lope of a camel and the home run of an excited estrich seem to have been boiled into a nondescript gait

much affected by the up-to-date girl. Do not buy blue or lavender lamp shades unless you wish to give them to some dear friend against whom you have a particular grudge. They make even a pretty woman positively hide-

Do not be offended if the members of your family suddenly stop talking when you enter the room. They are not maligning you, as your conscience suggests, knowing full well that you deserve it, but are doubtless planning to surprise you with something you would much rather be without.

0118.



CAPT. ISAAC BASSETT.

tion into the Washington Post. Hanscom was principally occupied on the democratic side of the senate and it occurred to Webster one day that the whigs were being discriminated against in the matter of a page. Acchunk was broken. cordingly he made a fight for the appointment of Isaac Bassett, then about Ought to Kill. 12 years old. After considerable opposition the additional page was ordered. This marked th passage in the official career of Capt. Bassett. Since the '30s his lines have been cast in pleasant places among dignitaries who have seemed tireless in their efforts to do him honor. When he had completed his fiftieth year in their service a magnificent allver salver was prepared and presented to him. This he prized the most of all his earthly possessions. At another time a magnificent gold snuff box was presented him because of his efforts in behalf of the snuff-takers of the senate This recalls the fact that Capt. Bassett's principal duty during the latter days of the nineteenth century came through his custodianship of the two black snuff boxes in the recesses at the right and left of the presiding officer of the senate. It is one of the traditions of the senate that these boxes were established because of the persistency with which senators used to borrow snuff from one of the early Vice-Presidents of the United States. Finally patience ceased to be a virtue, and calling Capt. Bassett to his alu the presiding officer directed that boxes of snuff be main-

snuff-taker left, but about \$3 is annually invested in this tickling article so that a supply is always on hand in case it is demanded. Capt. Bassett was never known to divulge a secret of the executive sessions, which he always attended. He was more like a Sphinx than anybody around the capitol, and when he passed away many secrets died with him. Particularly is this true of the location in the senate chamber of chairs and desks formerly occupied by distinguished Americans, among whom may be included Jeff Davis. Nobody was ever able to learn from Capt. Bassett where the head of the southern con federacy sat when he was United States senator from Mississippi,although many attempts have been made by those who wanted the Jeff Davis chair and desk.

tained at the public expense for the use

of senators who like to take a little up

their noses to make them feel easy.

Capt. Bassett was for years the only

Persons who visited the senate chamber as spectators always noticed the pleasant-visaged old gentleman with white hair and beard, the former curled carefully in a roll, who sat usually at the left of the presiding officer of the senate. Whenever a message was received from the President of the United States or from the house of representatives it was the duty of Capt. Bassett to announce the fact to the senate.

Although in the performance of this duty for years, whenever he was compelled to make the customary announcement Capt. Bassett invariably made as much fuss over it as though it was his first offense. His face would turn scarlet, and as he ducked his head at the presiding officer there was a quiver in his voice as he spoke the stereotyped formula. This was generally accompanied by a hesitancy of speech, as if uncertain whether his remarks would fall upon appreciative and listening ears.

an, published here until its absorp- The convolutions on the top of the head resemble curls of hair, and they end in a knot such as is worn at present in arranging the hair. The miner found it

> name of a new antiseptic discovered in dermany, but as it is intended to be used generally it is also called antinounin. One part of the substance is from 1,500 to 2,000 parts of soapsuds, is destructive to all the common parasites injurious to plants. Yeast used in brewing remains fresh for a long time when treated with it; it destroys all bacteria, and yeast can endure a solution as strong as 5 per cent of the substance. It is odorless and very cheap

The Late Alexander Dumas.



The above is a portrait of Alexander Dumas, the great French dramatist, who lately passed away. He was the most prolific writer of the century, and has lent a lasting impression to French literature.

Michael Farrelly of Perry county, Indiana, has a pair of buckskin breeches and a waistcoat of the same material which he brought from Ireland nearly fifty years ago. They been worn by his grandfather, and they are altogether too large for any of the descendants of the original owner. The breeches buckle at the knee and measure forty-six inches at the waist. The waist-coat is a square cut affair, reaching below the hips and buttoning to the throat. It measures fifty-three inches around the breast. All the buttons are of horn, hand made,

The Largest Vessel. One of the largest vessels ever placed in the cotton trade between this country and Europe is the American, recently launched in Belfast. Her total cubic capacity is 587,220 feet, making her ensily the biggest ship ever coming to New Orleans. She is 8,200 gross tonnage, 475 feet long between perpendiculars, fifty-five feet beam and depth of hole thirty-nine feet six inches. There are nine engines on her and she is loaded through six hatches. Her water ballast is 1,500 tons. She can carry 24,000 bales of cotton.

Of all the classes of porcelain now collected, old Chinese and Japanese enjoy the greatest popularity.

HIGH PRICE FOR POTATOES. The John A. Salzer Seed Co. La Crosse, Wis., pay high prices for her things. They recently paid \$300 for a yellow rind watermelon, \$1,000 for a bu. new oats, \$300 for 100 lbs. of potatoes, etc., etc.! Well, prices for potatoes will be high next fall. Plant a plenty, Mr. Wideawake! You'll make money. Salzer's Earliest are fit to eat in 28 days after planting. His Chanpion of the World is the greatest yielder on earth and we challenge you to produce its equal.

If you will send 11 cents in stamps to the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., you will get, free, tea packages grains and grasses, including Teosinte, Spurry, Giant Incarnate Clover, etc., and our mammoth catalogue. Catalogue 5c. for mailing. w.a.

Swallowed a Pin

A pin was swallowed, six years ago, by Veria Christman, of Middletown, Ind. She was then six years old. Four years later the pin came out through her back, but it left a sore which would not be healed, and the other day she died from blood-poisoning.

A Novel Idea.
The Omnha Weekly World-Hersit has struck another novel idea for increasing its circulation by offering large prizes to those new subscribers who construct the shortest sentence contain-

ing all the letters of the alphabet. This is sort of reverse of last year's prize contest, when the object was to construct the largest number of words out of certain letters.

It will be interesting to note how short a sentence can be made and still contain all the twenty-six letters in the alphabet. The trouble, of course, will Le to get in such letters as x, y, z and q.

Ex-Congressman Bryan, who edin the paper and preaches free silver coisage, must have a good inventive genius to devise these novel schemes.

Bucharest, in Roumania, is known in-day as the greatest den of swindlers in

the world. It is the exit, so to speak the initiative station for the criminals of the Balkan states, whence they travel westward to Vienna, Berlin, Paris, London, Rome and New York. All About Western Farm Lands

The "Corn Belt" is a monthly paper published by the Passenger Department of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Rallroad. It is designed to give reliable information concerning western farm lands, what can be raised at them successfully, and the experience of farmers who live in the west. Copies of the paper will be sent to any address for one year on receipt of 25c. Postage stamps accepted. Address "The Con Belt," 209 Adams St., Chicago.

A letter address Queen Victoria, Wh d to "Her Majesty deor Castle," would on without being not reach its de d to the inspec opened and subs of an officer belo

Sarsaparilla

The One True Blood Parifler. \$1; 6 for \$1 Hood's Pills easy to truy, easy to take Ward's Carl MUMBER AWAR

MPERIAL GRANUM Is Pure and unsweetened! and can be retained by the weakest stomach. A safe, easily digested FOOD for DYSPEPTICS!



ner & Co., Binghamton, N. Y THE AERMOTOR CO. does half the

Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in time. Sold by drugglets. ONSUMPTION

ENDS, O Cost More To But Sold DRIE

Cheap as Inferior E MUSCATINE DAT MEAL CO

MUSCATINE: 10WA